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Defectors and Politics

To the N. Y. Herald Tribune:

The case of the two defectors will no doubt lead to a further extension of arbitrary security precautions, probably resulting in the exclusion of bachelors over thirty (a long suspect class) from government service. But it seems to me that we should check sabotage in the legislative as well as the administrative branch.

Congressman Hays blandly states that he did not report to the C. I. A. the fact that two men purporting to be its employees had divulged classified information to him, because he could not afford to dry up the government leaks on which he depends for his ammunition against the Administration. He stated this as if it were the most natural thing in the world.

Perhaps in Washington the cold war is secondary to the war of politics.

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